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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Attached please find Form PTO-1449 together with the references as stated in the specification.

- JP 10-252739 A as discussed on Page 1 of the specification. No translation is available at this time.

- JP 11-44142 as discussed on Page 1 of the specification. No translation is available at this time.

The following references have been cited in the International Phase of the above-identified application.

- JP 2002-195247 A discloses a hinge device and folding type apparatus. The reference has been cited under Category X as being relevant to International claims 1, 3 and 11 - 14 and further cited under Category Y as being relevant to International claims 2, 4 and 5. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

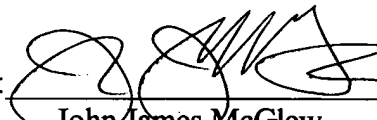
- JP 2002-30852 A discloses a diopter adjusting device for camera. The reference has been cited under Category X as being relevant to International claims 6, 7 and 11 - 14 and further cited under Category Y as being relevant to International claims 1, 2, 5 and 8 - 10. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- JP 2001-41228 A discloses an underwater aeration stirrer. The reference has been cited under Category Y as being relevant to International claims 1, 2 and 5 - 13. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- JP 3-117117 discloses a receiver. The reference has been cited under Category Y as being relevant to International claim 4. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

Consideration of the above references is requested.

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	<u>JP 11-44142</u>	<u>Feb. 16, 1999</u>	<u>Japan</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>JP 2002-195247</u>	<u>July 10, 2002</u>	<u>Japan</u>			<u>No</u>
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	<u>JP 2001-41228</u>	<u>Feb. 13, 2001</u>	<u>Japan</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>JP 3-117117</u>	<u>Dec. 4, 1991</u>	<u>Japan</u>			<u>No</u>

OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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